

In Bad Taste.

* * * The battalion was to be raised from among our mountaineers—to be composed of men who knew the habits of the Indians and their localities; who, divested of the annoying paraphernalia of regular warfare, untrammelled by useless discipline, guided by no particular tactics, could follow them like sleuth hounds to a certain retribution, etc.—*Klamath News.*

Would not your meaning be accurately expressed if you should strike out the letters *e* and *h* in the descriptive adjective belonging to the word "hounds" in the above sentence, Mr. News? *Eh?—Humboldt Times.*

We are astonished to find the above contemptible suggestion in so respectable a journal as the *Times*, especially as the proposed change in the "descriptive adjective" referred to would be an infamous reflection on many worthy citizens of Humboldt county. Our meaning, Mr. *Times*, is accurately expressed without the expunction of the letters *e* and *h*, and can be understood by any person of average common sense and not inclined to tergiversation, without your assistance; but as you have discovered the propriety of applying the opprobrious epithet "stul" hounds to the members of the Mountaineer Battalion, we cheerfully accord to you whatever gratification you may experience in so doing, and hope that your meaning will be thoroughly appreciated.—*Klamath News.*

We are at a loss to know what Hobomakko has induced our hyperborean neighbor to be so hypercritical. We certainly think that no such construction as the *News* has seen fit to adopt can be justly placed upon our language. We are not at all inclined to "tergiversation," nor do we think that the *News* would have imputed this to us had not its editors been suffering under an increased attack of most distressing chronic physiological diarrhoea. It is only in this way that we can account for its jaw-breaking, diaphoretic style. As to applying the opprobrious epithet "stul" hounds to the Battalion, we must repeat that no person with common sense, could honestly so construe our meaning. However, what the *News* says in this regard,

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"Misses game, duck and plover,
And knocks the unfortunate holder over."
The *News* applied the "opprobrious epi-
thet" sleuth hounds to the Mountaineers,
and we called upon it to give the gender,
not that we supposed that it would make
any difference to the officers and men of
the Battalion whether the "opprobrious
epithet" of the *News* should be applied
in the masculine or feminine gender.
We thought then and still think that the
News was very unfortunate in comparing
the Mountaineers to hounds of any kind
—gazehound, greyhound, sleuth hound,
dog or *slut*—it makes no difference which.
We judge from the above that the *News*
sees its mistake. We have no objections
to its correcting it; but in doing so, it
must not misrepresent us. It should
neither directly nor indirectly say that
we intended to cast any reflection upon
the Mountaineers—it knows better—
With many of the men that compose the
Battalion we are acquainted, and hold in
high esteem. On more than one occasion
have we been placed under personal ob-
ligations to them, and palsied be our arm
should it fail to strike in their defense
when unjustly assailed, and withered
our tongue should it say aught in dero-
gation of those the heart-warm grasp of
whose strong hands, in years that are

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My neighbor over the way.

Seating themselves on a grassy bank, they gazed together on the darkling ed-

enough to live a month yet!

one of them responds, and he's just a pitiful

The Charles